

New York, 10 Oct. 1834.  
Friday noon.

58 Dr. Mrs. Phelps.

In the absence of J. Leavitt to Utica, W. Goodell to the Western counties, & of E. Wright to Massachusetts I am acting as a sort of aide in their respective offices. Your letter to E. W. dated 1st Oct. has not been answered I presume. The Ex. Com. appointed W. Cornish delegate to the Maine Con. and we expected he would go; but his duties here, especially for the Phoenix Soc. seemed to require him to remain. We look with intense interest to the results of that Convention. We ought to concede almost everything, for the sake of peace & union but fundamental principles. If we give up these we may as well give up our association. In the National Convention at Philadelphia some would-be staunch abolitionists brought us to abate some terms in the Constitution & Declaration, but a majority, & a large one too, you recollect stuck to them as to a sheet anchor. The result was, auspicious. So they will be everywhere if we hold to the motto, "Principles, not men." When a D. D. or L. L. D. present themselves for admission into our Society, and only ask to have the words "no compensation", "immediate", "anti", &c. be expunged from our Constitution &c. it is a sort of temptation to soften the expurgations, & open the door wide enough to admit such great personages. But let us resist the temptation. Like other temptations if we give way we are lost.

It is decided that Mr. Barney is to devote himself to the anti-slavery cause. The practice of law would guild him \$6000 a year, but he cheerfully forgoes it to be a hard working labourer in our cause. He will attend the Synod in Kentucky, to meet this month, & endeavor to have a set of Resolutions passed, <sup>in the expectation of having</sup> not as strong as set passed as we could wish, but in the confident belief that



They will be far stronger than any that ever yet  
proceeded from a slave State. By his conversation,  
pen, & public addresses Mr. Quincy will employ  
his great powers <sup>agent of any Anti-Slavery Society.</sup> on behalf of the poor slave - <sup>but</sup> not as an

J. D. Weld has been appointed an Agent by  
our Ex. Com. and has accepted the appointment. He  
will labor chiefly in Ohio for some time.

When Dr Beecher returns to Ohio (he is nearly  
here) it will be determined whether the Vandal reso-  
lutions of the Ex. Com. of the Trustees of Lane Sem.  
will be adopted by that Board. If so, the students  
will swing their packs, and be voluntary agents  
all over the country. As the death of Stephen spread  
excitement over the world so the extinction of pre-dissemi-  
nation in Lane Sem. may spread our  
doctrines far & wide.

Dr B. told me he knew a  
1000 men who longed to join the cause, & would  
if it were not for obnoxious men, means, & ex-  
penses. Let the heaven work, let the ocean  
heave, let pride work off, and when these men  
are converted we shall rejoice in being associated  
with them. As long as they call slavery a "wrong"  
thing, & dare not stigmatize it as a "sin", their  
adhesion would sink us to the bottom.

I hope my cousin at Augusta will come  
out a whole souled abolitionist. He is a valuable



man, and will <sup>do</sup> the cause much good if he  
comes into it heartily.

I find that S. W. Benedict sent you on  
Saturday 3000 Birney's, but having so few of Mr  
Goodell's Appeal they did not send any. They  
went by a express hence to Halliwell I believe,  
I am charged to you by S. W. B. No.

W Stuart will act in the western  
part of this State for the present.

I pray that you may have a good  
time in the Convention, & that the cause may  
be advanced. Remember me to Mr Pomeroy,

Thurston, &c &c.

Yours aff'ly  
Lewis Tappan

Rev. A. A. Phelps.



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